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FROM : SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

TO : COFS USAF WASH DC

NR : DPL 2505

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Subject is SAMOS.

This message in 4 parts.

Part I. The following message from SAC/M to Headquarters SAC is quoted for your information. "Secret from DSSP 441. 14 March 1960. Quoted for your information is message transmitted 12 February 1960 by AFBMD to Headquarters USAF concerning the 6 megacycle data link: "Reference your secret letter subject: Interstation Communications Requirements for SAMOS System, dated 2 October 1959. GOR 80 has been clarified and does not include a requirement for real time data transmission. Therefore, there is no requirement in the operational SAMOS Program for the Comm System presently under CBA Western Union Telegraph Company. Recent presentations by the SAMOS Program Office to AF/BMC and DOD Officials have been severely criticized due to the inclusion of the system in the SAMOS Program. Since at this time there is no valid requirement, request authority to cancel or indefinitely defer CBA ARDC-DMS-100-WU dated 8 October 1959 to the Western Union Telegraph Company. Also request you amend the ACERP for SAMOS submitted 12 May 1959 to your headquarters deleting all requirements for the 6 megacycle video channel between New Boston, Ottawa, Offutt, and Vandenberg. This system has been deleted from all programming documents including latest development plans and communications budgetary estimates."

Part II. SAC does not concur with the AFBMD statement that there is no operational requirement for the six (6) megacycle ground

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data link. This AFBMD statement was not coordinated with Headquarter SAC. The operational requirement for the ground data link is essential to any operational SAMOS Program.

Part III. It is requested that:

A. No action be taken on the AFBMD recommendation.

B. That AFBMD be instructed to immediately reinstate the ground data link in their programming plans, development plans and budgetary estimate.

C. That henceforth ARDC (AFBMD) be required to coordinate all recommendations for changing operational requirements with the designated command before forwarding such recommendations to Headquarters U S Air Force.

Part IV. Request Headquarters SAC be advised as soon as possible as to the exact status of the ground data link for SAMOS.

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